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State Health Department Schedules Public Hearing on Devils Lake Outlet Permit Modification

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will hold a public hearing June 27, 2006, in Devils Lake on the North Dakota State Water Commission's request for a modification to the permit to discharge Devils Lake surface water into the Sheyenne River.

The hearing will be held to receive testimony related to the proposed permit modification. Items to be addressed include removal of the reference to specific months a discharge can occur, removal of the total suspended solids limit and adjustment of the in-stream sulfate limit for the intermittent discharge of surface water from West Bay of Devils Lake (Round Lake) to the Sheyenne River. Only the conditions subject to modification are reopened in the permit for comment. All information received during the public hearing will be considered before a final decision is made concerning the permit modification.

The schedule is as follows:

- Public Hearing
June 27, 2006
2 p.m.
Lake Region State College Dining Room
1801 College Drive N.
Devils Lake, N.D.

Department of Health and State Water Commission representatives will be available from 12:30 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. before the hearing to provide information and to answer questions about the proposed permit modification.

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